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SUBJECT: FORIEGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON TLATELOLCO

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FEBRUARY 27 WHERE HE COMMENTED ON THE RESULTS OF THE TLATELOLCO CONFERENCE. FACIO REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE CONFERENCE "MET THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT WAS NO PANACEA, BUT IT ESTABLISHED A NEW DIALOGUE ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN AND THE U.S." FACIO REPORTEDLY PRAISED THE "GREAT RECEPTIVITY" OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO THE POINTS RAISED BY THE LATIN FOREIGN MINISTERS. FACIO WAS QUOTED SAYING KISSINGER ACCEPTED AS INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL PRINCIPLE THAT ECONOMIC AID NOT BE CONDITIONED TO THE CHARACTER OF A COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT AND THE CONCEPT OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM.

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2. FACIO REPORTEDLY SAID THERE WERE TWO MAIN POINTS

ACHIEVED AT THE CONFERENCE: (1) THE FORMULATION OF A COMMON LATIN AMERICAN FRONT, AND (2) AGREEMENT TO PRESENTATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN POSITION BY ONLY ONE SPOKESMAN. FACIO REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE LATIN POSITIONS "WERE CONCRETE, NOT RIDDEN WITH LATIN LONGWINDEDNESS."

3. WITH REGARD TO CUBA, FACIO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE IHEMISPHERE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE TO FACE THIS SITUATION IN THE FUTURE. HE REPORTEDLY ADDED HE BELIEVES CUBA WANTS TO BE BACK IN THE OAS AND ESPECIALLY WANTS THE SANCTIONS ELIMINATED. "CASTRO'S VERBAL EXPANSIONS ARE ONE THING AND REALITY ANOTHER," HE WAS QUOTED. LANE

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